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RE: Dorinda Bordlee/ Request for Waiver of Filing Penalty

Dear Ms. Coghlan:

In regard to the notice received by my office on December 14, 2015, I write to request a waiver assessed for the Legislative and Executive Filing Penalty associated with my October 2015 Lobbyist Expenditure Report.

As your records will note, I have the practice of filing my report for each month in the first week of the next month. When I logged in on December 7 to file the November 2015 report, I realized that my October report was complete (indicating no lobbying and no expenses) but not yet "finalized." I believe that this occurred because I was filing my report from the hospital where I was caring for my mother one week, and then my daughter the next week. The hospital wi-fi was notoriously problematic, and it seems that the "finalize report" button must not have gone through.

As stated above, I strive to be early in the filing of my reports. I represent a small non-profit organization and I do not have separate administrative staff, nor do we have the resources to pay this penalty which is excessive given the nature of the technical difficulty.

With sincerity and all due respect, I would also ask that the Ethics Board reconsider the exorbitant fees associated with late filing. It chills the ability of citizens to register as lobbyists, and seems to favor only well-funded corporate lobbyists.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Dorinda C. Bordlee